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SUBJECT: PASCAL ALLENDE OFF TO COSTA RICA

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1. ANDRES PASCAL ALLENDE AND COMPANION, MARIE ANNE BEAUSIRE, DEPARTED SANTIAGO VIA BRANIFF LATE FEB 1. THEY TRANSFERRED IN PANAMA FOR FLIGHT TO SAN JOSE, THEREBY AVOIDING US. ACCORDINGLY DEPARTMENT SHOULD DISREGARD REQUEST FOR WAIVER MENTIONED IN REF A.

2. TEN-FIFTEEN VEHICLE ESCORT BROUGHT PAIR TO TARMAC JUST BEFORE TAKEOFF. THE IMPECCABLY DRESSED ASYLEES WERE RUSHED TO AIRCRAFT POSITIONED AT DISCREET DISTANCE FROM TERMINAL.. A SMALL GROUP OF PERSONS TAUNTED BRANIFF'S GROUND CREW AND THREW SEVERAL RAW EGGS AT BRANIFF SIGN. MOST OF OTHERWISE NORMAL-SIZED CROWD AT TERMINAL APPEARED UNAWARE OF EVENTS.

3. PRESS REPORTED THAT BURST OF MACHINEGUN FIRE CAUSED MOMENTARY PANIC AMONG CROWD, BUT BRANIFF REPRESENTATIVE AND DATT AT SITE WITNESSED NO SUCH INCIDENT. EVEN PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT APPARENTLY HAD NO IDEA PASCAL ALLENDE WOULD BE ABOARD IN SPITE OF TIGHTER SECURITY BRANIFF HAD IMPOSED. INDEED,
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HAD ESCORT NOT ARRIVED WITH LIGHTS FLASHING (CONTRARY TO UNDERSTANDING WITH BRANIFF) DEPARTURE MIGHT HAVE PASSED

UNNOTICED.

4. COMMENT: GOC EXACTED MINIMUM BENEFIT FROM PASCAL ISSUE.
IT PLAYED UP DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING ASYLEES SAFELY OUT OF
COUNTRY AND GENERATED CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC INTEREST IN CASE.
ACTUAL DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS WERE KEPT WELL DISGUISED, AND
CAME OFF AS GOC HAD PLANNED. CAREFULLY CONTROLLED, SMALL
DEMONSTRATION HAD EARMARKS OF SPONSORSHIP FROM SOMEONE IN
GOVERNMENT BUT WAS NOT DISRUPTIVE.
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